## KEITH A. CALL (6708) SPENCER FANE LLP

10 Exchange Place, Suite 1100 Post Office Box 45000 Salt Lake City, Utah 84145 Telephone: (801) 521-9000 keithcall@spencerfane.com

TROY RACKHAM (Admitted Pro Hac Vice) **SPENCER FANE LLP** 

1700 Lincoln Street, Suite 2000 Denver, CO 80203

Telephone: (303) 839-3860 trackham@spencerfane.com

Attorneys for Defendants

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

KOSHER EATS LLC, a Florida limited liability company, EMERALD CONSULTING PARTNERS LLC, a Florida limited liability company, ABBSON LLC, a New York limited liability company, MSC COMPANIES, LLC, a Utah limited liability company, and HOMEPEOPLE CORPORATION, a New York corporation,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TORBEN WELCH, an individual, CALEB MEYER, an individual, MICHELLE HARDEN, an individual, RENNE FINCH, an individual, DAVID REEVES, an individual, BENJAMIN TIETGEN, an individual, DARREN ALBERTI, an individual, KATE BAILEY, an individual, BRENDA BARTELS, an individual, ALEX BELTZ, an individual, AMBER BLASINGAME, an individual, BRETT BOON, an individual, VALERIE

# STIPULATED MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINES TO SUBMIT REPLIES IN SUPPORT OF PENDING MOTIONS AND TO ADDRESS LENGTH OF REPLIES

Case No. 2:24-cv-00520-DBP

Judge David Barlow

Magistrate Judge Dustin B. Pead

BROMLEY, an individual, EDGAR CARRANZA, an individual, KATHLEEN CARTER, an individual, CYNTHIA CARUCCI, an individual, CHARLES CAVANAGH, an individual, LAURA CHARTRAND, an individual, GREGORY COHEN, an individual, KIMBERLEY CRONIN, an individual, ISAAC CRUM, an individual, ERICA DEATHERAGE, an individual, MATTHEW DEENIHAN, an individual, ALLISON DODD, an individual, BRIEANNA DOLMAGE, an individual, PATRICK DRAKE, an individual, R.J. ERTMER, an individual, RACHEL FARR, an individual, MARY BRYNE FLETCHER, an individual, AUSTIN GEMMELL, an individual, MATTHEW GEORGE, an individual, DEANNA GILBERTSON, an individual, MARGARET GRAY, an individual, SCOTT HAWRANEK, an individual, ANDREW HOLLINS, an individual, AMY HUFF, an individual, CRAIG HUMPHREY, an individual, MATT JEDRZEJEK, an individual, MACLAIN JOYCE, an individual, IDIN KASHEFIPOUR, an individual, DARA KELLER, an individual, DANIEL KLETT, an individual, STEVEN KNAUSS, an individual, MARJORIE KRATSAS, an individual, JASON MARTINEZ, an individual, BRYANT MESSNER, an individual, IAN MITCHELL, an individual, SCOTT MONROE, an individual, SIMONE MONTOYA, an individual, BRUCE MONTOYA, an individual, KATHLEEN MOWRY, an individual, CHRISTINA MUNDY, an individual, ANN NGUYEN, an individual, KATHERINE OTTO, an individual, JONATHAN OWENS, an individual, JULIAN PARDO DE ZELA, an individual, FRANK PERRETTA, an individual, PETER PIERCE, an individual, WILLIAM RANDALL, an individual, RICHARD REICE, an individual, ADAM ROYVAL, an individual, HEATHER SALG,

an individual, EDWIN SCHWARTZ, an individual, MIKHAIL SHAH, an individual, GREG SITRICK, an individual, ROWAN SMITH, an individual, AARON SOLEIMANI, an individual, HEATHER STERN, an individual, JOHN STEVENS, an individual, DEANNE STODDEN, an individual, MATTHEW SULLIVAN, an individual, JENNY THORNTON, an individual, WADE WARTHEN, an individual, ANDREW WELCH, KARIE WILSON, an individual, DOUGLAS WOLANSKE, an individual, JON ZIMMERMAN, an individual, JAKE BRIGHAM, an individual, and MESSNER REEVES LLP, a Colorado partnership,

Defendants.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b), Defendants file this Stipulated Motion for an Extension of Time to Submit Replies in Support of Pending Motions and to Address Length of Replies.

## **Motion to Extend Time for Replies**

Defendants move the Court for an extension of 12 days to submit their replies in support of five pending motions. The new due date will be December 23, 2024, by which to file and serve reply memoranda in support of:

- 1. Messner Employees' and Former Messner Employees' Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint for Failure to State a Claim (Dkt. 170);
- 2. Messner Reeves, LLP's, MR Partners', and Brigham's Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint for Failure to State a Claim (Dkt. 171);

- 3. Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Claims Against the "Messner General Partnership" for Insufficient Process, Pursuant to Rule 12(b)(4) and for Failure to State a Claim Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6) (Dkt. 177);
- 4. Individual Defendants' Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 11 (Dkt. 179); and
  - 5. Defendant Torben Welch's Motion to Dismiss (Dkt. 182).

# **Motion regarding Length of Replies**

Different defendant groups have filed their own separate motions to dismiss, resulting in four separate motions to dismiss filed by four separate groups. *See* Motions numbered 1, 2, 3, and 5, above. Spencer Fane LLP represents three of those defendant groups (the "Spencer Fanerepresented Defendants"). Foley & Lardner LLP represents Torben Welch.

Rather than file three separate replies of up to ten pages each, the Spencer Fane-represented Defendants request leave of Court to file a consolidated reply memorandum in support of their three separate motions, which will be no longer than 20 pages. Mr. Welch also requests leave to file a reply up to 20 pages in length. Defendants submit that the excess pages (or, in the case of the Spencer Fane-represented Defendants, a reduced number of consolidated pages) is warranted. Plaintiffs' 44-page First Amended Complaint alleges eight causes of action against 80 defendants. Many of those claims, including RICO, have several elements that must be addressed. Plaintiffs' opposition cites to 71 legal authorities, a substantial number of which must be addressed. This cannot be done in the standard ten pages for a reply. Allowing the Spencer Fane-represented Defendants and Mr. Welch to each file a reply containing no more than 20 pages is the most efficient and effective way to present the various defendant parties' arguments to the Court.

Accordingly, Defendants respectfully request that the Court extend the time for them to submit their replies in support of the five pending motions identified above until December 23, 2024. The Spencer Fane-represented Defendants request leave to file may file a consolidated reply of no more than 20 pages. Mr. Welch requests leave to file a separate reply of no more than 20 pages. A proposed form of Order is submitted herewith.

Plaintiffs do not oppose either of these requests.

DATED this 6th day of December, 2024.

#### SPENCER FANE LLP

/s/ Keith A. Call
Keith A. Call

Troy Rackham
Attorneys for Defendants

#### FOLEY & LARDNER LLP

/s/ Charles Dennis Morris

David J. Jordan
Charles Dennis Morris
Attorneys for Defendant Torben Welch
(signature added by counsel for Defendants with
permission granted via email on 12/6/24)

#### STIPULATED AND AGEED TO:

CHASE LAW & ASSOCIATES, P.A.

Kenneth E. Chase

**FOSTER PC** 

Howard W. Foster

## CHRISTIANSEN LAW, PLLC

/s/ Stephen K. Christiansen

Stephen K. Christiansen
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
(signature added by counsel for Defendants
with permission granted via email on 12/6/24)

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on December 6, 2024, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing STIPULATED MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINES TO SUBMIT REPLIES IN SUPPORT OF PENDING MOTIONS AND TO ADDRESS LENGTH OF REPLIES to be electronically filed via the court's CM/ECF system, which will send notification to the following:

Stephen K. Christiansen
CHRISTIANSEN LAW, PLLC
311 South State Street, Ste. 250
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
steve@skclawfirm.com
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

Kenneth E. Chase (Admitted Pro Hac Vice) **CHASE LAW & ASSOCIATES, P.A.** 2700 N. Military Trail, Suite 150 Boca Raton, FL 33431 kchase@chaselaw.com
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

Howard W. Foster (Admitted Pro Hac Vice) **FOSTER PC**155 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 4250
Chicago, IL 60606
hfoster@fosterpc.com
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

Charles Dennis Morris
FOLEY & LARDNER LLP
95 S. State Street, Ste. 2500
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
djordan@foley.com
charlie.morris@foley.com
Attorneys for Defendant Torben Welch

David J. Jordan

/s/ Stephanie Chavez

Legal Assistant